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Dear Hal:

Yesterday we took another piece of equipment into our local hifi-TV etc shop for repair, and there was this little Sony, insisting that we could find a good home for it (sob) if we would only <u>try</u>. Wouldn't let us leave until we promised to call you right away and find out. So we did, and we mailed it today.

A couple of things about it: There are smaller models -- Sony itself made a smaller one but abandoned it after running into nothing but trouble -- but in a machine this small space becomes very critical where space for batteries and a motor are concerned. This model is working out well. We have one in the office and it's highly efficient and reliable. It's less than half the size of my old reliable Sony 100, which has never given the slightest trouble, and the built-in mike at least takes the curse off the hand-held mike problem.

We found the tone somewhat thin, but this is because of the small speaker. If you need better quality, patch it into a bigger machine and hear the difference. Full quality reproduction. Also I should say that this has all the features of the bigger Sony 100, with a couple it doesn't have, including the built-in mike (you can also use an external mike, of course) AND the handy yellow on-off switch near the bottom for editing and transcribing as well as cutting out unwanted stretches while recording. In other words, the yellow button stops the machine while in the recording or playback mode without bothering with the buttons on the top. And finally, we have tried several other brands at one time or another, and Sony is the only one that holds up consistently. On the whole we presumed to decide for you that reliability was worth more than still smaller size.

Your latest was mailed April 2. It contains a number of items which you ask to have returned. This will be done a bit later.

One thing you might remember: We don't see TV except on rare occasions. We're in a fold in the hills where reception is not good without very ambitious antenna equipment, and it's not worth it to us. We do have a set in the basement at the moment, but it gets little but the sound signal. So when you talk of TV shows, better lead us by the hand.

If you line up any talk show appearances here, even via telephone, do let us know if you can and we'll tape it and dub you a copy. Don't hesitate to call us collect if you need to: (415) 388 2426. We sometimes hear both Eason and Spann, but not too often because of the inconvenient hours (from our standpoint). However taping is another matter and we always can arrange it.

We heard from Hal on the 5th. His new job is working out well, and we hope to see him sometime next week. He has a new place: 735 1/2 Warfield Ave., Oakland (no zip code known here) but no phone yet.

For warranty purposes, your little recorder was purchased at Accurate TV & Electronics, No. 1 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley, Calif. 94941, on April 8, 1971.

Your pleasure cannot possibly exceed ours in this deal, and we hope it serves you well.

Best from us both,

J & J